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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE SCA, AND PPT

E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: " SECOND LIST": PASSPORT AND CITIZEN-
SHIP: FRIDEA GOELDNER

REF: BERLI 6998 AND 6920

1. ON DECEMBER 8, MR. GOELDENR CALLED AT THEEMBASSY TO EXPLAIN
THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EFFORTS OF HIS WIFE TO OBTAIN PER-
MISSION TO VISIT THEUNITED STATES IN SPRING 1977. THE PLANT
WHERE HIS WIFE WORKS HAS REFUSED TO APPROVE THE APLICATION, A
REQUIREMENT BEFORE THE VOLKSPOLIZEI WILL ACCEPT IT FOR PROCESSING.
THE APPLICATION FORM INDICATED ON THE SPACE FOR " CITIZENSHIP"
(STAATSBUERGERSCHAFT) THE FOLLOWING: " ACCORDING TO RESPECTIVE LAWS,
GDR AND USA", A FORMULATION THAT MRS. GOELDNER FINALLY DECIDED ON,
THE APPROVING OFFICE IN THE PLANT EMPLOYINGHER AS A GATEKEEPER
REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT WORDING BUT FINALLY TOLD HER THAT SHE WOULD
HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SHE REACHED PENSIONING AGE IN 1979.

2. MR. GOELDNER ALSO RELATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER, EMPLOYED BY THE
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AT A HOLDING PRISON IN WEIMAR, WAS ALSO
QUESTIONED CLOSELY ABOUT HER MOTHER'S DESIRE TO TRAVEL
TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS LATTER ASPECT, E.G. QUESTIONING
OF THE DAUGHTER, MRS. GOELDNER HAS DECIDED THAT, FOR THE
MOMENT, SHE WILL NOT PRESS ON WITH HER APPLICATION
FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING THE SITUATION OF HER FAMILY.

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SHE NOW PLANS TO WAITFOR HER PENSIONING AGE TO BE
REACHED. EMBOFF TOLD MR. GOELDNER THAT THE EMBASSY AND

THE USGOVERNMENT STAND READY TO CONTINUE WORK ON THIS
MATTER IF THEY SO WISH.

4. COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPORT THIS TO
MR. PENISCH, MRS. GOELDNER'S SISTER, AS WELL AS CONGRESSMAN
MINETA. THE GOELDNER'S, HOWEVER, HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH
THAT THE USGOVERNMENT NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERTAKE FURTHER
ACTION ON THIS CASE UNLESS THEY REQUEST IT. THE EMBASSY
ASSESSES THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFICULTIES ARISING
FOR THE GOELDNER DAUGHTER CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.

5. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST - CONGRESSMAN NORMAN Y. MINETA.
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